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The Mega Millions jackpot has soared to over half a billion dollars. Local retailers are seeing a slight increase in sales. N-C-C's Erron Franklin has more on the big prize here in the Central New York area.

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The Mega Millions jackpot is inching toward historic heights. New York Mega Millions announced that the prize is now at 522 million dollars, making it one the fifth largest drawings in lottery history. Student Choice Foods on Marshall Street is one of the few places to purchase lotto tickets near Syracuse University. Pat Hill, an employee, says they typically get busy whenever the jackpot grows.

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NAME:Pat Hill

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<"Its been a few times when the jacppot really grew huge and then its very busy. I think we are one of a few couple stores that have lotto.">

(Track 2)

If you want to test your luck, make sure to grab a ticket by ten forty five tonight when the draw closes. The winning numbers will be announced at 11. If no one matches all five numbers plus the Mega Ball, the jackpot keeps growing. Erron Franklin, N-C-C News.